

Pacific Islander Advisory Council

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2003
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Place: DCED, Room 502

MINUTES

Present

Janise Macanas
Supi Ma'ilei
Otto Johansson
Celeste Tonga
Veisia Mo'ungaafi
Uina Vakapuna
Hiagi Wesley

Office of Pacific Islander Affairs

William P. Afeaki
Serafi Auva'a

Staff

Darrell Kirby

Excused

Charlene Lui
Selena Roberts

1. **WELCOME/MINUTES:** Janise Macanas, council chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at approximately 11:45 a.m. at the DCED in room 502. The minutes were reviewed and approved.

2. **COUNCIL MTGS. WITH GOVERNOR'S OFFICE:** The council will be meeting with both the Governor and the Lt. Governor once a year and with Rich Mckeown twice a year.

- emphasis to attend each and every council meeting; quality of meetings also discussed
- Mary Bangerter will try to schedule meetings with the Governor's Office during the regular council schedule

3. **YOUNG ACHIEVER'S GIFT CONFERENCES:**

- The Jr. High School GIFT conference will be held April 26, 2003; the Sr. High School GIFT conference will be held May 10, 2003
- Bill stated that the 9th graders who attend high schools rather than Jr./Middle schools will be honored during the May 10, 2003 conference
- There will be a total of 201 students honored during the April 26, 2003 conference; 102 out of the 201 students have a 3.8 gpa and above; 47 students are between 3.8 and 3.89; 37 students are between 3.90-3.99; 18 students with a 4.00 gpa

- Bill is looking at giving out awards for a *Teacher of the Year*, *Educational Support of the Year*, and *Families of the Year*; email Bill with any nominations & information with people that would qualify for these awards
- an explanation will be given during both conferences on the specific criteria one needs to qualify for an award; in the past there was confusion with the criteria
- State Farm Insurance did not give any scholarship money this year, though incentive scholarships will still be awarded from the leftover/no show scholarships from past years
- Bill spoke with Melanie Reese, and due to budget cuts, GIFT will not be able to pay for lunch for either the Jr./Sr. GIFT conferences
- Janise, Supi, Hiagi, Otto, and Darrell will attend and help out with the Jr. High School GIFT conference

4. SCHOOL DIST. REPORTS/FOLLOW-UP:

- Janise has not heard back from the Alpine School District
- **List of required information for the school district reports - 2001: Data, Drop-Out, Graduation; 2002: Enrollment, AP Classes, ESL Enrollment, MESA, CRT Scores, Alternative School Enrollment, Staff/Educators, SAT, Special Education, Free/Reduced Lunch**
- Dr. Wesley reported that within the Granite School District there are 18,000 ethnic minority students making up 25% of the student body while the Salt Lake School district has 12, 000 ethnic minority students making up 46% of the student body

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING:

- it was agreed that the advisory council needed to have a strategic planning session as soon as possible
- June 2nd and June 16th were the 2 days agreed on as being the best available meeting dates
- Bill will check with Shari Kille, the department facilitator, to see which day will be best for her to help out with the strategic planning session

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Granite School District has an opening for its Assistant Superintendent position; Bill suggested that the council submit a letter to the school district endorsing Dr. Wesley and/or an ethnic minority for the position
- Bill is working with the Youth Corrections Department in trying to separate statistics for the Asian and Pacific Islander population; funding issues arise with the Pacific Islander population losing out on money
- Celeste announced that Weber State University will be hosting their annual luau on April 26, 2003 at 7 p.m.; it will be held at Ogden High School

MEETING ADJOURNED